Kidney racket in the country

866. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether kidney transplant is major racket in the country;

(b) how many doctors are indulging in it;

(c) how many of them have been punished;

(d) what is the punishment meted out to them; and

(e) in how many States this crime is carried out to exploit the poor people and for how many years it is going on?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) the details showing the details received from the State Governments/CBI/Delhi Police is given in the statement (Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to USQ 863 part (a) to (f).

Corruption in world bank aided health programmes

†867. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI C. PERUMAL:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cases of corruption and fraud have been exposed in five ongoing projects of Tuberculosis, Malaria and AIDS eradication by the World Bank;

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government against persons responsible for this serious irregularity;

(c) whether in order to prevent its repetition in the future, Government will take any steps; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) On the 11th January, 2008, the World Bank has shared with us a report, *viz.*, DIR. This report is based on the review of five health sector projects which were being implemented during periods varying from 1997 till 2006 end. One project was under State health sector.

In this report, the World Bank has mentioned deficiencies relating to procurement, oversight and implementation like collusion, bid rigging, deficiency in civil works, equipments not installed because of lack of staff etc. Majority of the deficiencies reported relate to decentralized procurements at the district level, which are implemented at the State level.

The World Bank report suffers from several infirmities. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has already conveyed its response on the infirmities in the methodology adopted by

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